



State of Washington

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 15-028: BEAVER CREEK HATCHERY INTAKE IMPROVEMENTS

**Description of Proposal:**

The Beaver Creek Hatchery requires general hatchery maintenance, that may require ground disturbing activities, as well as specific improvements to the water intake facility that will require in-water work in the Elochoman River.

The instream construction elements of this project consist of extending the intake wing walls and replacement of screening to improve water flow to and through an existing water intake and fish ladder structure located on the Elochoman River that serves the Beaver Creek Hatchery. This water intake project will reduce intake water velocities through the intake screens and is designed to meet and exceed all state and federal legal fish passage requirements. The existing sheet pile dam requires repairs that consist of removing and replacing 2 to 3 bent metal sheet pile sections approximately 4 foot wide each to ensure water is delivered to the Hatchery water supply intake. All instream work is scheduled to occur in the summer of 2016 within the appropriate fish window associated with the approved HPA.

General Hatchery maintenance elements are scheduled to begin this spring of 2015 and are over 200 feet away from the Elochoman River. The only potential exception to this may be the water supply line from the intake structure to the pump vault facility located approximately 205 feet from the river. Current condition of this pipe is unknown at this time, if required and warranted WDFW will repair/replace this existing water supply line in its current place. Other hatchery maintenance and improvements includes new intake screens, air and water manifolds behind the screen walls of the intake for improving water velocities through the screens and provide a new self-cleaning function to the intake structure. New roof for pump vault building, new hatchery water supply pumps, new air compressors to provide air blasts to the new intake, reroof hatchery buildings, repair/replace water supply lines and drains. Upgrade electrical service and domestic water supply, hatchery pond walk ways, anti- bird predation infrastructure and other general hatchery infrastructure repairs and maintenance as required.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Beaver Creek Hatchery near Cathlamet, Wahkiakum County, Washington: Township 9N, Range 5W, Section 32.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on May 12, 2015**.

**Method of Comment:** The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

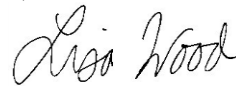
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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** April 28, 2015

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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